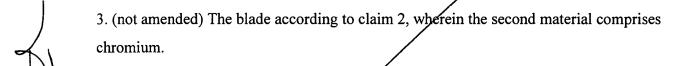
- 2. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises
 - a base portion including a first material and
- a surface portion including a second material, wherein the surface portion comprises the specular surface.



- 4. (not amended) The blade according to claim 2, wherein the second material comprises glass.
- 5. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the hard plate comprises a ceramic.
- 6. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the hard plate has a thickness on the order of a micron.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 1:



The surface on which the ceramic 20 is coated may be mechanically polished, electro-polished, or otherwise polished, for example by liquid flow or melting. Preferably an ordinary non-specular blade (or a portion near the edge) is plated with a secondary coating layer 12 which has a specular outer surface due to the plating or polishing process and needs no further polishing. One example is chromium plating, which is applied via a widely-used process.

Delete the paragraph starting at page 11, line 9.